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SUBJECT SITUATION IN AND AROUND ELIZABETHVILLE

DATE DISTR. 12 JULY 1962

DATE OF 12 JULY 1962, LATE MORNING (LOCAL TIME)
INFO.

PRECEDENCE REFERENCES

PLACE & KATANGA, ELIZABETHVILLE (12 JULY 1962)
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1. THE SITUATION IN ELIZABETHVILLE AND IN THE NATIVE COMMUNES IS TENSE AND POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE. OBSERVATIONS IN THE LATE MORNING OF 12 JULY OF THE U.N. EMPLACEMENTS, AND BEHIND THE KATANGAN LINES, SHOWED THAT INDIAN FORCES OF THE U.N. ARE NOW DEEPLY DUG IN AROUND A LARGE SCHOOL AREA NEXT TO THE ROADBLOCK ON THE MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN AND THE AFRICAN CITY. THERE ARE NUMEROUS ARMORED CARS AND COMBAT-READY TROOPS. THESE, TOGETHER WITH THE LONG-EXISTING ROAD BLOCK WHICH HAS NOW BEEN STRENGTHENED BY TUNISIAN U.N. TROOPS ON THE ALTERNATE ROAD TO THE COMMUNES, HAVE VIRTUALLY SEALED OFF THE NATIVE CITY. TRAFFIC WAS BEING ALLOWED TO PASS, BUT AFRICAN CROWDS WERE COLLECTING NEAR THE EMPLACEMENTS ON BOTH SIDES.

2. ARMED KATANGAN TROOPS HAVE MOVED FROM DEEP IN THE COMMUNES TO HIDDEN

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POSITIONS 100 YARDS FROM THE U.N. ROAD BLOCK, WHERE THEY WERE ALERTLY FACING
U.N. TROOPS. THE POLICE WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE TO KEEP ORDER IN THE COMMUNES.
CIVILIANS WERE APPREHENSIVE BUT ORDERLY.

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